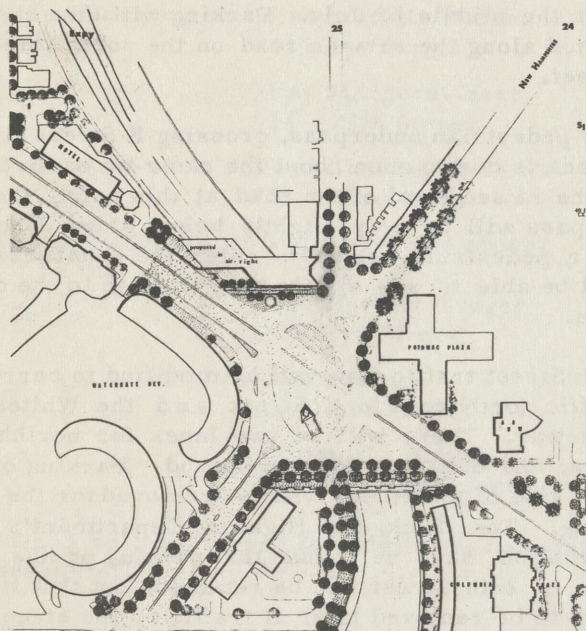


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A "monumental intersection" is the prospect for the crossing of Virginia and New Hampshire Avenues in the words of the National Capital Planning Commission's just-issued "Plan for Virginia Avenue".

The plan is the first of a series intended to renew Pierre L'Enfant's scheme for the city by developing a network of special streets linking important nuclei. The planners' aim is to line Virginia Avenue with buildings and trees in such a way that the viewer's eye will be directed to the Washington Monument at the foot of the street.

At the intersection of Virginia and New Hampshire, a divided plaza is proposed, similar to Tenley Circle at the crossing of Nebraska and Wisconsin Avenues. Virginia Avenue would cut straight through. Traffic on New Hampshire Avenue, even though this street is intended to be a principal approach to the Kennedy Center, would be required to take a rotary path around the plaza.

For the plaza itself, the report suggests that no grass be planted, since this would "spoil the overall effect of consistency". Instead, the plaza would be paved.

But, two tree-lined pedestrian walks would be provided. One would be south of the plaza, along G St., which would no longer be open to vehicles at that point. The other would curve behind the Peoples' Life Insurance Company building, leading to the Kennedy Center.

North of the intersection, the Planning Commission calls for an air-rights building over the new Freeway. Although this suggestion has in the past been unpopular with the residents of Foggy Bottom, the report says that such a building would "frame the plaza in a suitably urban manner, and also.. screen from eye and ear the rush of commuter traffic below".

This new study will be the basis of changes that will have an important effect on our neighborhood. Now is the time to make our wishes known, to encourage the planners in carrying out the parts that will be beneficial and to argue against anything that would be detrimental. Copies of the Plan for Virginia Avenue will be available at the Foggy Bottom Association's June meeting, or may be obtained from the FBA President, Bill Simon.

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FBA Meetings: Last Monday in each month.

## NEXT MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 28

Pillsbury Hall, St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
2430 K Street, N. W.

## PROGRAM

Speaker: Philip J. Mullin, Administrative Officer  
John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

Topic: "The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts -- What will it mean to Foggy Bottom's Residents?"

My father

And friends

All wore moustaches

My daughter

And friends

All wear huraches.



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PLANNING COMMITTEE  
by A. E. Wiskup, Chairman

The controversial air-rights building over the north portal of the river loop where H Street was formerly (between 25th and Virginia Avenue) is still firmly implanted in the thinking of the National Capital Planning Commission. When the air-rights building was first proposed, it was planned as a high rise office or apartment building. Now the idea has been somewhat modified; the present Special Streets Plan No. 1 for Virginia Avenue specifies the following:

"The air-rights building recommended here should be high enough to fill the frame of the plaza and to screen the freeway and the industrial area on the Georgetown waterfront. On the other hand, it must not be so high that it will obscure the views of Georgetown and of Mount St. Albans."

The plan shows a building with one wing over the Inner Loop and another wing along 25th Street running about 50 feet into the present parking lot.

The apparent lowering of the height is encouraging. However, as any actual authorization for an air-rights building in this location is a long way off, plans can and probably will change.

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PORTIONS OF HIGHWAY PROJECT  
TO BE COMPLETED IN JULY

If present schedules are kept, parts of the Highway Department construction work in Foggy Bottom will be completed during July, and a number of traffic and parking changes will be made.

Eastbound traffic onto the Whitehurst Freeway is expected to start using the new K Street roadway about the middle of July. Parking will then be permitted along the service road on the north side of K Street.

The pedestrian underpass, crossing K Street at 26th Street, is due to open about the same time. Because of the raised level of the road at this point, the underpass will be only slightly below sidewalk level. As a pedestrian begins to enter the underpass, he will be able to see all the way through to the other side.

24th Street traffic flow will be modified to carry the traffic northbound to K Street and the Whitehurst Freeway. There will be two lanes for northbound cars, and one lane for southbound. Parking on the east side of the street will be removed for the time being. Tom Rick, the Highway Department's man on the job, says he thinks that parking on the west side of 24th Street can be retained, but that it may have to be removed later if traffic on the street becomes congested. This temporary use of 24th Street for Whitehurst Freeway traffic will continue until about November.

The first portion of the E Street Expressway, as far as the Roosevelt Bridge, is due to open about July 1. The remainder of the Potomac River Expressway is presently scheduled to go into use shortly before the end of the year.

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ELECTION OF FBA OFFICERS  
SCHEDULED FOR JUNE MEETING

At the next meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association on June 28, election of officers for the coming year will be held. As in the past, a slate will be presented to facilitate voting. This slate is as follows:

President	Donald Carbone 2400 Pennsylvania Avenue
Vice President	Miss Morella Hansen 2415 Eye Street
Secretary	Miss Margaret Hays 914 - 25th Street
Treasurer	Rev. Charles E. Miller 730 - 23rd Street
Executive Board (in addition to the above)	

Miss Harriet Gruger 2530 Eye Street
Alex Wiskup 822 - 25th Street
William L. Simon 2407-1/2 Eye Street

The floor will be opened for additional nominations before voting.

ALSO, it will be appreciated if someone will volunteer to take over the editorship of the NEWS for the coming year and another to serve as manager of advertising for the paper.

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ABOUT OUR SPEAKER FOR JUNE 28

The association will have for its speaker at the June 28th meeting Philip J. Mullin of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Like most of us Washingtonians, he came from elsewhere -- in this case Nebraska, where he lived and attended the University of Nebraska until World War II broke that up

and he became an officer in the United States Air Force. After the war he took up and completed his studies at Denver University!

His acquaintance with the performing arts is not just on hearsay for he has been associated with Arthur M. Oberfelder, theatrical and concert impresario, for the Rocky Mountain States where he managed road tours for such attractions as Ballet Theatre, the Metropolitan Opera Company, as well as numerous concert artists and Broadway productions which toured the western states.

Also, Mr. Mullin is no stranger to Washington and politics, having come here in 1953 as Special Assistant to the Honorable Fred Seaton and later becoming Legislative and Public Affairs Assistant to Senator Gordon Allott of Colorado.

He is now Administrative Officer of the Kennedy Center and is responsible to the Chairman and the Trustees for coordinating the plans and policies with respect to the building program of the Center.

Mr. Mullin's talk will provide Bottomites the unusual opportunity of finding out what is going to happen in their community BEFORE it happens. Let's give him a hearty welcome and a lot of thoughtful questions.

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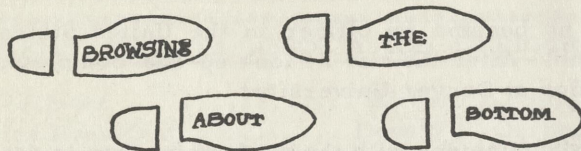
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Whatever familiarity most Bottomites have with the inside of a police station comes via their television sets. Some did get a glimpse of the real thing, deluxe style, several months ago when FBA members toured the new Third Precinct Headquarters at 23rd and L Streets, N. W. Now the Browser has gone a step further by tagging along with the Third Precinct Citizens Crime Council on a "field trip" to Central Police Headquarters downtown. It was an experience worth telling about and perhaps even reading about. So here goes.

Captain Pyles bundled up the Council members into three or four cars and took off for 300 Indiana Avenue. Some members were heard to marvel at the speed with which the Captain's car arrived, without resort to sirens or flashers. No disparaging remarks about traffic violations were made audibly, however.

First stop on the tour was First Precinct Headquarters, located in the same building. There the members received a demonstration of the footman radios being introduced into service in the District. The two-way radios are hand-held and pocket-sized (about the size of a quarter-pound box of crackers or

half of a folding umbrella) with a retractable antenna. Reception was very clear, even indoors.

Eventually all foot patrolmen in the District will be equipped with the radios. Up to now they had to report in via a call box once every hour. Now they can contact their precinct at any time; similarly, it can signal them by a buzzer in the radio. The precinct can talk to any number of its patrolmen at the same time. These should be a real boon to police work. Now about Dick Tracy's 2-way television...

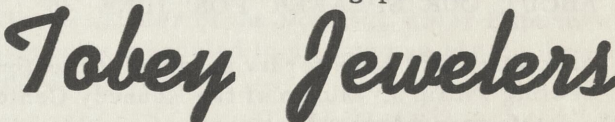
The group then moved on to the central cell block, passing under an ominous looking, automatically controlled drop gate and two equally ominous looking prisoners in the process of being frisked. A special elevator provides access to the identification area. Here prisoners are fingerprinted and photographed (front and side view at the same time). Color slides showing suspects in full-length views are also used. (A demonstration of this technique almost went awry because of a faulty projector. The Browser's trusty nail file, always carried for such emergencies, came to the rescue and the show went on.)


Speaking of shows, the next stop was the lineup. On the way the group passed through the "bullpen", resembling a bus depot waiting room but air conditioned (sensibly, all things considered) and barred.

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In the lineup room one of the Council members volunteered to pose on the stage while the others made snide remarks about his obviously criminal physiognomy. Every morning, detectives from each precinct come in to view the previous day's catch in hopes of spotting culprits or at least in identifying resemblances to persons on their wanted lists. Private citizens are also brought in to view the lineup when they can help identify a suspect.

Some day, Captain Pyles mused, the police hope to have closed circuit television enabling them to view the morning line-up from their precinct stations. (For video-detective fans this is old hat, but the DCMP isn't so well off financially as other cities, fictional or real.)

Another major area visited on the tour was communications and records. Through a picture window the members viewed the continuous activity in the central complaint room where several police officers took emergency calls from the public. Lt. J.F. Spicer explained the lighted map at the back of the room. There is one bulb for each scout car and paddy wagon in the city; when the bulb is lit, the car it represents is on call, and when it is off, the car is available for duty. Needless to say, most bulbs were lit.

Captain Pyles, a veteran of the complaint room, reminisced, not too wistfully. Friday nights, he explained, were the busiest nights of all, with the map looking like a Christmas tree and the dispatchers usually worse for wear.

Next to the complaint room is the teletype area where machines keep the police in contact with the FBI and other jurisdictions. The Crime Council was surprised to learn that until recently there was no direct means of communicating with other cities' police forces in the metropolitan area. For example, a message to the Arlington police had to be routed via Richmond. Now there is a "metro" line TWX.

Similarly, radio facilities for contacting other jurisdictions have been improved only in the last few months. The police can now establish immediate contact with one or all of the neighboring jurisdictions over their mutual-aid radio. Before, there was a separate radio for each county.

Another improvement was pointed out in the nearby records area. Formerly, policemen had to come in and copy out any information they needed regarding a suspect or criminal. Now they simply call in and the information is promptly delivered. Some day, perhaps, facsimile systems will speed up this process even more.

The last stop and in some ways the most relieving was the juvenile bureau, equipped with such unusual features as private rooms for police-parent-juvenile talks and separate files of nicknames, bicycle thieves, glue sniffers and other examples of teenage mania. On the wall were a couple of charts which provided evidence that the police, after all, do have a heart. One of them, labeled "What Every Child Needs", stressed the importance of love, security, recognition and new experiences.

Thus ended the tour, the Crime Council members homeward bound with a central complaint room report form as a souvenir. One side of the form contains a handy check list for dispatchers. Some examples: altercation ... cutting ... dog bite report ... gas case ... intoxicated per. ... missing per. ... P. B. snatch ... uncon. person ... wires down ...

If variety is the spice of life, as the old saw has it, surely no one is better seasoned than the police.

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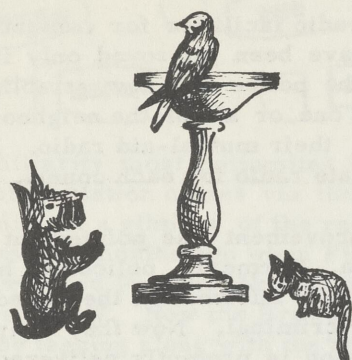
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The peripathetic cat of Hughes Mews whose name is Oliver has been having a bad time with dogs recently. Formerly, Oliver rather lorded over the mews, but lately, due to the advent of his public enemy #1 in numbers, he has been spending most of his days in the rear of the houses of his several friends, and there he finds refuge in patios fenced against canine intruders. Oliver's choice of patio depends upon the safety and comfort afforded him such as regular meals, adequate shelter, strong fences, and the degree of welcome he receives from his chosen host.

Expecting in July are two ladies who live in the 800 block of 25th Street. Flowers should be sent to the Wiskup's Pomeranian Ouida and Dorothy Brewer's Poodle Gigi.

Sandie, the white Westie -- West Highland Terrier, that is -- went to his vet barber for a haircut the

other day and came home shorn like a lamb. Sandie lives with Morella Hansen on Eye Street. As happens so often with people, the vet barber misunderstood the instructions. He did exactly the opposite of what Sandie wanted. Instead of cutting off the long hair on his belly, such a nuisance to keep clean, the barber clipped the hair on Sandie's back, sides and head, leaving untouched the troublesome long hair below. Even his best friends pass him by without speaking. It will take Sandie the better part of a year to grow back his whiskers.

A Bill Gold cat (Washington Post) has come to live with Bob and Helen Keith on 25th Street. Three-months-old Andy, a cuddly kitten, is getting a lot of loving in his new home.

A new role has been added to man of all trades John Gillispie, Foggy Bottom's reliable carpenter, cabinet maker, painter, and what-have you. The other day he volunteered to take Lady Dusty Belden-Reese for a walk during the absence of her joint owners, the Misses Benita Belden and Sara Reese of Hughes Mews. Dusty was too surprised for anything, and resisted politely. John finally coaxed her across the mews where she usually goes when she takes a walk. The Lady must be getting on toward 10 years old or more, if she will excuse the observation.

Rannie, the friendly black Afghan Hound whose master formerly lived with Jerry Hall in Hughes Mews, has a new address. He and his master, Jean Gaud-

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Also, on "Dog and Cat" row, the Hoppers' siamese Boy and Girl Kitties celebrated their first anniversary on May 29. Girl Kitty took herself to tea with new friends in the Potomac Plaza.

The "feathered ones" are enjoying warm weather by cooling themselves in Natalie Beaulier's newly installed bird-bath.

Our sympathy is given to Patricia Wiskup on the loss of her pet duck.

We hope the hospitalized one of the pair of snouzers has recovered and enjoys good health again by the time of this news.

White Poodle Gigi Brown is enjoying the beaches of Florida these past weeks.

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#### PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. C. Grant, residents of the Bottom for several months, have moved from 2513 Eye Street to 923 Hughes Mews. The Grants are New Zealanders, and Mr. Grant is with the World Bank -- International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, to use its longer name. Mr. Grant is a communications engineer. The Grant's big Labrador Retriever, Ben by name, came all the way from New Zealand with them. He's very adaptable. It's said he has received advanced degrees in hunting, and he is a fine gun dog. Ben likes to swim in the Potomac River, too, and Mrs. Grant often takes him for a bit of water sport at the marina near the mouth of Rock Creek. Ben also likes people and he wags his tail when approached by a visitor. He delivers Mr. Grant's mail to him when his master arrives home in the evening, carrying it from one side of the room to another, just to keep in practice for retrieving.

Michael Miller, who works in the Washington office of the Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance, has now moved into Benita Belden's rental house at the corner of the old row on Hughes Mews, Number 911.

Recently returned from a month-long business trip in Europe, Jerry Hall reports he and his 15 colleagues were most courteously received in the four countries they visited. Representing the National Paint Association, they surveyed the furniture market in England, Denmark, West Germany and Italy. Jerry is Director of the Industrial Division of the Paint Association and lives in one of the new town houses in Hughes Mews, Number 900.

The new owners of the Nathaniel and Elizabeth Davis house on Eye Street are Professor and Mrs. (David and Marge) White. Professor White teaches chemistry at GWU and Mrs. White works in public relations for the Pakistan Embassy.

Bob and Pat Williams have recently moved into 2417 Eye Street. Bob is with the Air Transport Association, was formerly Administrative Assistant for a member of Congress.

Robert Baxter's family visited him the last of May, staying at the Channel House. He found it rather surprising that the price paid for the apartment at the end of the visit was higher than that quoted him at the time the reservation was made just preceding the visit. Robert does the art work for the NEWS.

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A teen city will spring to life overnight at Farragut, Idaho in July when Senior Girl Scouts hold their 4th Roundup.

Nine thousand Senior Girl Scouts, 15 through 17, from every state in the U.S., and 150 Girl Guides from 45 countries will get together in a gigantic encampment from July 15-28. Backing up the youth-centered community will be a staff of 2,000 adults, most of them volunteers, who will provide services needed in a busy city.

Mrs. Walter S. Boardman of 2504 Eye Street, member of the National Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., will be part of this gathering. Her staff assignment will be that of Hostess to the Special Guests.

The Senior Girl Scouts will erect a city of 6,000 multi-colored tents in the heart of a 5,000 acre tract at the site of the former Farragut Naval Training Station in the Idaho Panhandle. The location is fifty miles east of Spokane, Washington, on the extreme south end of Lake Pend Oreille.

While the girls themselves will be setting up an instant city, actually a year and a half of planning and work will have gone into preparation for the multitude of facilities needed -- roadways, water supply system, electric power, telephones, a parking lot for 3,000 visitors' cars, provisions for security, traffic control, fire protection and sanitation, and even a United States Post Office Sub-Station.

Roundup days and nights will be filled with a fascinating range of things to see and do -- performances by Idaho's Basque Dancers, tree-climbing contests,

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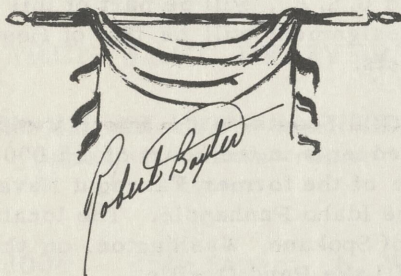
log-rolling demonstrations, exhibits of the culture and crafts of the Nez Perce Indians, tours of the Kaniksu National Forest, and simply taking part in the daily round of camping activities. A Forum Center will operate on nine afternoons of the Round-up. Experts in various fields will be present to lead and stimulate discussions built around the general theme, "Girl Scouting -- A Promise In Action".

All 11,000 Rounduppers will come together as a group for two special events in a vast arena which seats more people than New York's Radio City Music Hall. The arena, built against a background of white pine groves and towering mountains, also will be used for religious observances.

The campers will bring many touches of home with them as individual patrols illustrate typical features of their respective regions or countries. These include folk-dancing, singing, cooking, and demonstrations built around local industry and culture. A reflection of "back home" will be the exchange of potlatch gifts, following a custom of the Northwest Indians. The potlatches will be small handmade articles related to the history of the girls' home regions.

Roundup is designed to provide a true adventure in living and learning for girls of different races, national origins and creeds. An outstanding event for girls in the free world, it is an experience for which many of Girl Scouts' more than 3,000,000 young members strive from their earliest Scouting days.

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Now is the time to summerize your home. Some decorating tips to do the trick -- Banish all of the "warmer" fabrics such as velvets and brocades -- replace with slipcovers in cool colors like blues, greens and violets printed on chintz or corduroy.

Invest in half a dozen straw fans and spray bright colors; then place them strategically at chairs; not only do they suggest coolness but I guarantee they will be used.

Replace heavy and dark accessories with white china or pottery ones. Raid your kitchen glassware cabinet and use glasses to dot the house with flower arrangements on every table.

Invest in one of the gay colorful hand-blocked India prints for \$4.99 and use as a change of bedspreads. Keep lamps at low level lighting and do not use the ceiling lights overhead; their glare adds to the effect of heat.

Use white terry or cotton to slipcover a sofa, and mass bright pillows on it. Why not banish the winter rug and use the beautiful hardwood floor that cost so much to install. You might add a rug of the inexpensive woven hemp squares or small bright cotton scatter rugs.

But for heavens sake, no matter what you do, don't complain about the weather, just think about last January.

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